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PATHWAY AS A THERAPEUTIC

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-captioned patent application  
prior to examination on the merits as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the Title, please insert the following section:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application is a National Phase concerning a filing under  
35 U.S.C. 371, claiming the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial  
No. 60/092,570, filed July 13, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference. --